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*Via Electronic Filing*

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Notice, GN Docket No. 13-5

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200, et seq., Harris Corporation (Harris) hereby notifies the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) of the following ex parte communication in the above-referenced proceeding.

On September 20, 2013, David AnRhein and Patrick Sullivan, on behalf of Harris met David Goldman, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Jessica Rosenwerfel. The discussion centered on the above-referenced docket.

Mr. AmRhein detailed Harris Corporation's role as the Prime Systems Integrator for the FAA Telecommunications Infrastructure (FTI) Program, which is the primary means through which the FAA acquires the telecommunications services required for the National Airspace System (NAS). He discussed the technical dynamics that have led to the fact that over 92% of the NAS' FTI services continue to be TDM-based. For these reasons, Mr. AmRhein urged the Commission to ensure that, in the event it proceeds with IP transition planning and trials:

- 1) The FAA's FTI program does not lose any service functionality as a result of the trial.
- 2) Providers participating in the transition trials offer full disclosure of the differences between the FAA's existing wireline services and planned replacement services.
- 3) No trial activity will eliminate FTI services unless it is conclusively demonstrated that all service functionalities and required characteristics necessary for FTI operations will be preserved during the trial and after the transition to a new technology.
- 4) Each federal entity that is dependent on TDM services will be involved in the trial selection process to avoid service impacts on critical services and to minimize any cost impacts prior to the start of any trials.

Respectfully submitted,

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